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SUBJ: HISTADRUT CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE AFRO-ASIAN TRADE UNION
CAMPAIGN AGAINST GROWING PROTECTIONIST ATTITUDE OF US
AND OTHER ADVANCED COUNTRY TRADE UNIONS

1. AVRAM ALON, DIRECTOR OF THE HISTADRUT INTERNATIONAL
DEPARTMENT AND EPHRAIM BEN-SHMUEL, RESPONSIBLE FOR
ASIAN-PACIFIC RELATIONS TOLD LABATT OF HISTADRUT CONCERN
THAT THIRD WORLD UNIONS BOTH IN AND OUT OF ICFTU MAY BE
GANGING UP ON WESTERN TRADE UNIONS, PARTICULARLY THE
AFL-CIO, OVER THE ISSUE OF THEIR DEFENSE OF PROTECTIONISM.
AS EXAMPLE OF THIS TREND THEY CITED A SPEECH LAST DEC BY C.V.
DEVAN NEIR, CHAIRMAN OF THE ICFTU ASIAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION
(ARO) AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL
TRADE UNION CONGRESS DECLARING 1978 "ANTI-PROTECTIONISM
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2. HISTADRUT FEARS THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS CAMPAIGN,
ARO AFFILIATES AND OTHER THIRD WORLD UNIONS MAY BE PRESSED INTO
TERMINATING AFL-CIO SPONSORED ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR
INSTITUTE (AAFLI) PROJECTS, IN SOME OF WHICH THE HISTADRUT
IS COOPERATING. HISTADRUT ALSO FEARS THAT BECAUSE OF ITS
CLOSE TIES WITH THE AFL-CIO AND EUROPEAN UNIONS IT MAY BE

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS CONTROVERSY IF IT ATTENDS THE
NEXT ARO MEETING. SO FAR, NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE,
BUT MESHEL APPEARS INCLINED NOT TO PARTICIPATE DESPITE
HIS GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH DEVAN NAIR.

3. BOTH ALON AND BEN-SHMUEL ASKED FOR AAFLI OR OTHER
AFL-CIO MATERIAL FOR USE IN COUNTERING DEVAN NAIR'S
CHARGES IN CONTACTS WITH AFRO-ASIAN TRADE UNION LEADERS.
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